

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT

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TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

1. From 26 June to 5 July. Flying was practiced at Grossenhain airfield almost every night between 8 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.; the runway lights were switched on. The aircraft flew without position lights. The take-offs were made individually. During the take-offs and landings, the runway was also illuminated by two searchlights one of which was located north of the center of the field and the other one east of the runway. The planes also took off during thunderstorms and rain.

29 June. A jet fighter took off at 9 a.m., circled the field twice and landed at 9:15 a.m.

3 July. Between 6 and 8:30 a.m., individual take-offs and landings were made by about eight jet fighters.

4 July. Between 6 and 8:30 a.m., individual take-offs and landings were again performed. [REDACTED]

2. At 9 a.m. on 2 July, six parachutists jumped in rapid succession from a twin-engine transport plane which was flying at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters. The parachutists landed on the Klein-Raschuetz drill ground.
3. Several radio trucks each with a radio mast about 2 meters high were observed north of the NW-SE runway. No telephone lines were observed extending from the radio trucks to the main buildings at the field.
3. On 28 June, two groups each of 3 x 37-mm AA guns were observed next to 12 newly erected tents south of the large Spittelteich. At a roll call, it was determined that the unit had a strength of 50 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The buildings on Carola Strasse were occupied by a unit of an estimated several hundred men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

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Every morning about 8 a.m. between 26 June and 6 July, a group of EM whose number fluctuated between 10 and 30 marched to the field. The soldiers were not accompanied by officers. The tailor and shoe-maker shops of the unit were moved from the town to the field on 26 June.

- 25X1 [] 5. Almost daily between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the period from 6 to 12 July, there was flying by MiG-15s at the field. In the morning of 14 July, two jet fighters collided over Kalkreuth and one plane crashed on the edge of the village, while the other one fell near Reinersdorf setting a wheat field on fire; the aircraft ammunition exploded. There was air activity at the field on 19 July.

- 25X1 6. The following motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving the field:

14 July	[]	sedan picking up the mail truck jeep
15 July	[]	truck " "
16 July	[]	"
17 July	[]	jeep truck jeep jeep picking up the mail
18 July	[]	truck jeep

- 25X1 [] 7. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 July, no flying was observed at the field. Jeep [] was parked at the field. Truck [] 25X1
van-like truck [] and driving school trucks [] and 25X1
[] the latter two driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the main entrance to the field.

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- 25X1 * [] Comment. The arrival of AA guns was previously reported []
25X1 [] The emplacement reportedly
25X1 south of Spittelteich is located on the northern edge of the field.
25X1 ** [] Comment. The report shows that regular day and night flying
was practiced. [] the field is
25X1 occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments.
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